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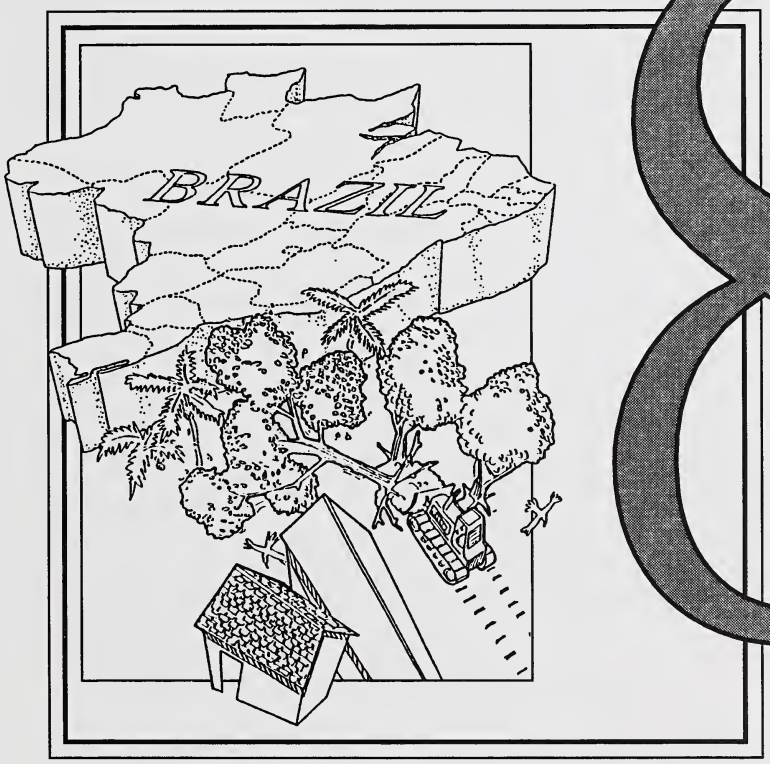

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SOCIAL STUDIES 8 – MODULE 6
BRAZIL—ISSUES AND TRENDS

Your mark on this module will be determined by how well you do your assignments in the Assignment Booklets.

Work slowly and carefully. If you are having difficulty, go back and review the appropriate section.

There is one section assignment in this Assignment Booklet. The total value of this assignment is 50 marks. The value of each assignment is stated in the left margin.

Be sure to proofread each assignment carefully.

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Section 3 Assignment: What Does the Future Hold?

Read all parts of your assignment carefully and record your answers in the appropriate places.

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Decide which of the choices **best** completes each of the following statements. Circle the appropriate letter to indicate your choice.

1. Brasília, the capital city of Brazil, was built on the central plateau. Why did Brazil build a new capital city?

   A. The old capital city was becoming overcrowded.
   B. It was intended to entice people to move from coastal areas to the sparsely populated interior.
   C. It was a make-work project.
   D. It was part of a plan to reduce the isolation of many of Brazil's rural people.

2. The idea that money spent on large projects by the rich would filter down from top to bottom of society and, thus, benefit the whole nation is referred to as

   A. opportunity cost
   B. long-term effect
   C. inflation
   D. trickle-down effect

Use the following quotes to answer questions 3 and 4.

Speaker X: Everyone has the right to a decent standard of living. This includes food, clothing, housing, medical care, and necessary social services.

Speaker Y: We Brazilians should have the right to use the land and resources to benefit ourselves. The forests and other resources do not do us any good if they are not used.

3. What is the value position underlying Speaker X's statement?

   A. a job
   B. wealth
   C. economic freedom
   D. an adequate standard of living

4. What is the value position underlying Speaker Y's statement?

   A. security
   B. the environment
   C. economic freedom
   D. an adequate standard of living

5. To what does the term *opportunity cost* refer?

   A. a loss incurred when a certain choice is made
   B. the cost of setting up a large business
   C. interest payments on loans used for development projects
   D. cost of research done by companies before they begin large projects

6. If you wanted to research the trickle-down effect to see how well it works in Brazil, which action would be most useful?

   A. Travel to a remote area and study the economic development there.
   B. Calculate the profit levels that investors in different types of projects receive after the projects have been operating for a few years.
   C. Compare living conditions and income levels of the poor before and after large amounts of money are spent on development projects.
   D. Match the number of jobs created on large projects in Brazil to the number of jobs created on similar projects in other countries.

7. The billions of dollars Brazil borrowed from foreign banks for mega-projects, such as highway construction, has had a negative effect on the Brazilian economy because

   A. the mines in the interior of Brazil are losing money
   B. the loans have not been paid off, creating a debt problem
   C. low cattle prices have made it difficult for cattle ranchers to pay their share of taxes
   D. too many settlers are moving into the interior, putting a strain on government services

8. What has the government of Brazil done that has caused a major economic problem affecting the quality of life of many Brazilians?

   A. borrowed huge amounts of money for mega-projects
   B. allowed large foreign companies to build factories in Brazil
   C. provided incentives to business people in the form of free land
   D. allowed immigrants into the country to set up individual businesses

9. Forty-three percent of the productive farmland in Brazil is owned by one percent of the population. This is an indicator of

   A. foreign ownership
   B. a lack of available land
   C. a large native population
   D. the extremes of wealth and poverty in Brazil

10. What impact does Brazil's large foreign debt have on the poor of Brazil?

    A. It provides jobs for the poor.
    B. Once debt payments are made, there is little money for programs that would benefit the poor.
    C. The poor are not directly affected by Brazil's large foreign debt.
    D. The poor must pay higher taxes to offset Brazil's large foreign debt.

(2) 11. A wealthy Brazilian rancher obtains the rights to a large area of rain forest land. The trees are burned and large herds of cattle are moved in. The rancher believes it is his right to use the land as he pleases to provide him with what he thinks is necessary for a personal quality of life.

What impact would this belief have on the quality of life of rubber tappers and Native Peoples?

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(2) 12. In many cases, foreign companies have supplied the investment money for the development of resources and industries in Brazil and these companies now own mines and factories there. This has had the positive effect of creating jobs. What negative effect has it had?

(4) 13. a. Why did the Brazilian government borrow large sums of money?

b. List **two** problems that having a large foreign debt gives Brazil.

(2) 14. Briefly describe the *favelas* of Brazil.

(15) 15. a. Use the chart that follows to outline reasons for each of the alternatives to this question:

Should Brazil develop the rain forest?

Give **five** reasons for each alternative.

Reasons to develop the rain forests of Brazil	Reasons to preserve the rain forests of Brazil

b. What do you think? Should Brazil develop the rain forest? Take a position on this issue and write a composition in which you defend your position. Use the knowledge that you have gained from your examination of this issue to provide support for your position.

Your composition should have an introductory paragraph, supporting paragraph (or paragraphs), and a concluding paragraph. You will be marked on content and organization.

(There is more room for your answer on the next page.)

(15)

16. a. What do you think is the major issue facing Brazil today?

b. What can be done to solve the problems caused by the issue you identified in part a? List everything that your plan would require.

c. Describe any opportunity costs that might have to be dealt with as a result of the decisions you made in part b.

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